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FOLLOWING POINTS EMERGED IN DISCUSSION ON PUBLIC INFORMATION
AND PUBLIC OPINION ASPECTS OF CSCE DURING CONFERENCE OF NATIONAL
INFORMATION OFFICIALS (CONIO) JUNE 13:

1. MOST DELEGATIONS AGREED THAT THOUGH CSCE NOT WELL KNOWN TO
LUBLIC AT LARGE, KNOWLEDGABLE ELEMENTS HAD REALISTIC ATTITUDE
ON CONFERENCE AND WERE AVOIDING EITHER UNDUE PESSIMISM OR
OPTIMISM. IN FACT, DUE TO RECENT CHANGES IN INTERNATIONAL SCENE,
EARLIER FEARS OF EUPHORIC REACTION NEED NO LONGER BE OF MAJOR
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CONCERN IN WEST.

2. AS PHASE II OF CSCE DRAWS TO CLOSE, SOVIETS SEEM TO BE ON
DEFENSIVE. STRENGTH OF WESTERN INSTITUTIONS AND WESTERN SOLIDARITY

HAVE BEEN DEMONSTRATED BY STRONG PUSH ON BASKET III AND OTHER CSCE AGENDA ITEMS OF SPECIAL CONCERN TO NATO NATIONS.

3. CSCE MUST BE VIEWED AS A STEP IN PROCESS OF DETENTE AND WITHIN CONTEXT OF OTHER EVENTS SUCH AS SALT TALKS, MBFR, BERLIN AGREEMENT, ETC., NOT IN ISOLATION. BERLIN AGREEMENT AND MBFR TO LARGE EXTENT ALREADY SEEN AS "PRIOR ACHIEVEMENTS" OF CSCE, A THEME WHICH MIGHT USEFULLY BE STRUCK IN FUTURE PUBLIC STATEMENTS IN MEMBER COUNTRIES.

4. IT WAS AGREED THAT WESTERN POLITICAL LEADERS THEMSELVES ARE BEST JUDGES OF HOW TO INTERPRET CSCE RESULTS TO THEIR DOMESTIC CONSTITUENCIES.

5. IN SUMMARY, VIRTUALLY EVERY DELEGATION AGREED THAT PUBLICS IN OWN COUNTRIES WERE GENERALLY INATTENTIVE TO CSCE AND THAT TO EXTENT INITIAL SOVIET OBJECTIVE HAD BEEN TO CREATE CLIMATE OF EUPHORIA IN WEST, THIS OBJECTIVE WAS UNLIKELY TO BE ACHIEVED. DELEGATIONS APPEARED RELIEVED THAT THIS CONCLUSION WAS GENERAL THROUGHOUT THE ALLIANCE. POST COMMENTS WOULD BE WELCOME. DECONTROL UPON RECEIPT
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